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FOLLOWING REPEAT ALGIERS 502 ACTION SECSTATE INFO DAKAR  
VIENNA 24 FEBRUARY.

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SUBJ: ALGIERS MINISTERIAL MEETING ON GROUP OF 77 ON  
INDUSTRIALIZATION

REFS: (A) ALGIERS 0443 (B) ALGIERS 0452 (C) STATE 037567

SUMMARY: UNDER LEADERSHIP OF ALGERIANS GROUP OF 77  
HAVE AGREED ON A DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION  
PUTTING GREAT STRESS ON THE RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION OF  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNIDO IS GIVEN PROMINENT PLACE IN  
FOSTERING THIS INDUSTRIALIZATION USING DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES FUNDS AND ASSISTANCE. THESE, IDEAS, REALLY  
DEMANDS ON AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,  
WILL BE FURTHER DEBATED IN LIMA. CONFRONTATION IS NOT  
WANTED, BUT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE SO HIGH THAT  
CONFRONTATION WILL BE HARD TO AVOID. END SUMMARY

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1. THE REPORT OF THE SECOND MINISTERIAL MEETING OF

THE GROUP OF 77 MEETING IN ALGIERS FEBRUARY 15 - 18, DOC/49  
MAKES DRY READING. OF THE GROUP OF 77,  
NOW 107, ONLY 63 COUNTRIES ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED,  
ALONG WITH FIVER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. MAMBU  
MA KHENZE OF ZAIRE, CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF 77 OPENED  
MEETING, BUT IMMEDIATELY TURNED IT OVER TO ELECTED OFFICERS:

BELAID ABDESSELAM - ALGERIA - CHAIRMAN

GUILLERMO VAN CORDT - PERU - RAPPORTEUR

HAMADI KEITA - MALI - VICE CHAIRMAN

AMIR JAMAL - TANZANIA - VICE CHAIRMAN

LOUIS ABOU SHARAF - LEBANON - VICE CHAIRMAN

SURIAARACHI S.K.K. - SRI LANKA - VICE CHAIRMAN

DEJ TALABHAT - THAILAND - VICE CHAIRMAN

MIGUEL REVESTIDO - ARGENTINA - VICE CHAIRMAN

ANTONIO ESQUIVEL YEDRA - CUBA - VICE CHAIRMAN

2. PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE OF ALGERIA ADDRESSED GROUP  
TO A "STANDING OVATION", SEE REFTEL. PRESIDENT  
BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH WAS ADOPTED AS A WORKING DOCUMENT OF  
MEETING.

3. REST OF AGENDA WAS:

1. REPORT OF THE WORKING ROUP ON THE TAKS  
ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE MEETING OF THE GROUP  
OF 77 AT VIENNA (FROM 5 - 11 DECEMBER, 1974).

2. DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND ACTION  
PROGRAM OF THE GROUP OF 77, TAKING INTO  
ACCOUNT THE EVENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE  
THE MEETING HELD BY THE GROUP OF 77 IN  
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DECEMBER, 1974.  
GSM INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING UNIDO

4. DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE  
LIMA CONFERENCE AND THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS  
ADDOPTED BY THE REGIONAL CONFERENCES;

5. ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION AND ACTION PROGRAM

OF THE GROUP OF 77;

6. ORGANIZATION ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE  
LIMA CONFERENCE;

A. OFFICERS

B. PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE;

C. STRATEGY AND ORGANIZATION OF THE GROUP OF 77 AT LIMA.

4. ABDEL RAHMAN KHANE, NEW ALGERIAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO, ADDRESSED GROUP STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO. ""HE ADDED THAT, THROUGH THE PLAN OF ACTION, THE CONFERENCE WOULD WISH TO DEFINE THE ROLE THAT UNIDO SHOULD PLAY AT THIS PARTICULAR STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND GIVE THE ORGANIZATION GREATER FREEDOM TO DISCHARG IT. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE GROUP OF 77 SHOULD SPECIFY ITS AIMS AND STRATEGIES IN THAT IMPORTANT AREA WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT OF THE NECESSARY COROLLARY OF GUARANTEEING UNIDO ADEQUATE AND RELIABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES."

5. GENERAL DEBATE IS ONLY BRIEFLY DISCUSSED  
IN REPORT UNDER FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

A) INDUSTRIALIZATION - SEVERAL DELEGATIONS  
EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT INDUSTRIALIZATION IS ONLY PATH  
FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. IT SHOULD BE  
BASED ON LOCAL PROCESSING OF LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND SHOULD BE AIMED AT SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

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B) STATUS OF UNIDO - SEVERAL DELEGATIONS STRESSED PRIME NECESSITY OF REFORM OF UNIDO AND NEED TO MAKE IT WHOLLY AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION, FURTHER THAT WITH FULL AUTONOMY AND FUNDING UNIDO SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR ASSISTING INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THAT FUNDING SHOULD COME FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVING SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES. FINALLY SOME DELEGATIONS SAID DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ENSURE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS ARE ENTRUSTED TO UNIDO AND CARRIED OUT UNDER ITS AUSPICES.

C) LIMA CONFERENCE IS HISTORICAL OCCASION AND  
ALONG WITH DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION BINDING  
MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SET A POLICY OF

INDUSTRIALIZATION FOR DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.  
IT WILL BE FIRST CONFERENCE TO ENABLE THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF DECISION OF 6TH SPECIAL UNGA FOR ESTABLISHMENT  
OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IT WILL  
THEREFORE BE TEST OF WILL TO PROCEED. OTHER  
DELEGATIONS SUGGESTED GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO  
BE INSTITUTIONALIZED.

D) PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IS CRISIS OF DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES WHICH UNJUSTLY EFFECTS DEVELOPING WORLD.  
THEY SHOULD DO EVERYTHING TO PREVENT INFLATION IN DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES FROM HURTING THEM IN DOING THIS, THEY  
SHOULD CONSTANTLY SEEK AND PREFER DIALOGUE TO  
CONFRONTATION WITH DEVELOPED WORLD.

E) RAW MATERIALS - SEVERAL DELEGATIONS STRESSED  
IMPORTANCE OF NON-ALIGNED DAKAR CONFERENCE ON RAW  
MATERIALS AND ASKED THAT ITS DOCUMENTS BE ADOPTED AS  
WORKING DOCUMENTS OF GROUP OF 77 FOR UNIDO  
CONFERENCE. (THERE WAS NO VOTE ON THIS, BUT  
DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION OF THIS CONFERENCE  
REFER TO AND SUPPORT DECLARATION OF DAKAR, PARA . 11.)

F) UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND --  
ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT  
TIME HAD COME FOR INDEPENDANT INTERNATIONAL FUND  
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TO MEET INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES. IT SHOULD BE FUNDED BY DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
SURPLUSES. COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE ENTERED INTO AT LIMA CONFERENCE  
FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCING OF THIS FUND.

G) FOREIGN TRADE - PRESENT STRUCTURE OF FOREIGN  
TRADE IS MARKED BY INEQUALITIES. BESIDES OTHER  
MEASURES GENERALIZED PREFERENCES SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

H) FINALLY, LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, LANDLOCKED  
COUNTRIES AND DROUGHT STRIKEN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GIVEN  
SPECIAL ATTENTION.

6. AGENDA FOR LIMA CONFERENCE CONSIDERED AT VIENNA  
WAS APPROVED WITH ADDITION OF NEW ITEM 6C RELATING  
TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND DECLARATION  
AND PLAN OF ACTION.

7. DRAFT DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ADOPTED  
BY CONFERENCE WAS ESSENTIALLY GROUP OF 77'S VERSION.  
PRINCIPAL CHANGES INVOLVED REFORM OF

UNIDO INTO AN AUTONOMOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCY  
AND, AS STATED, WORK OF DAKAR CONFERENCE. IT  
ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THREE NEW RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED  
AT CONFERENCE ON (1) STRENGTHENING OF ROLE OF UNIDO,  
(2) RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH  
REGARD TO CONTRACTS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND  
(3) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.  
THESE THREE RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT ADOPTED AS SUCH, BUT  
WILL BE CONSIDERED BY WORKING GROUP IN VIENNA AND  
THEN SUBMITTED TO LIMA CONFERENCE. THERE WAS GENERAL  
SUPPORT FOR THEM.

8. THE CONFERENCE AGREED TO MEETING OF GROUP OF  
77 HEADS OF DELEGATION ON MARCH 12 IN LIMA BEFORE  
GENERAL HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING TO SETTLE THE  
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICIALS OF THE STEERING  
COMMITTEES.

9. EMBASSY ASSUMES THE DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR AND  
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AT THIS CONFERENCE ARE AVAILABLE AS UN DOCUMENTS.  
EMBASSY HAS COPIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE VERY  
LENGTHY, AND WE CAN CABLE THEM ON SPECIFIC REQUEST.

10 ATMOSPHERICS - ALGERIANS SEEM TO HAVE RUN OFF  
ANOTHER WILL ORGANIZED CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR  
REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY. AGAIN SOME COUNTRIES  
SEEM TO OBJECT, UNOFFICIALLY, TO THE ALGERIAN STEAMROLLER  
TACTICS, BUT THERE WAS NO ORGANIZED ALTERNATIVE TO  
ALGERIAN PROPOSALS. REDRAFTING OF ALGERIAN PROPOSALS,  
WHEN POSSIBLE, SEEMS TO TONE DOWN LANGUAGE USED.  
IRANIAN REP NOTED THAT WHEN HE SUGGESTED MORE MODERATE  
LANGUAGE, A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED  
HIM, BUT WERE QUIET UNTIL A STRONG AND RESPECTABLE  
COUNTRY SUCH AS IRAN INTERVENED. A NUMBER OF REPS  
HAVE COMMENTED THAT THEY, UNLIKE ALGERIANS, DO NOT  
WISH CONFRONTATION WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.  
ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT ALGERIANS PREPARED AND TRIED  
OUT A FEW DELEGATION A FOURTH RESOLUTION WHICH  
WOULD HAVE HAD 77 GOING ON RECORD AS SUPPORTING OPEC  
IN ITS BATTLE AGAINST COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND  
THREATS OF MILITARY ACTION. ACCORDING THIS SOURCE,  
AFRICAN AND MOROCCAN REACTION AGAINST TAKING  
CONFRONTATION THIS FAR AT THIS POINT PERSUADED  
ALGERIANS TO TABLE DRAFT. THIS DISTASTE FOR CONFRONTATION  
SEEMS TO BE GROWING, BUT AS YET NO ALTERNATIVE TO  
ALGERIAN LED PROPOSALS HAS APPEARED.

11. COMMENT: GIVEN INFLATED DEMANDS OF THE DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES, IT IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO RESPOND TO  
THEM WITHOUT SOUNDING SO NEGATIVE AS TO  
SEEM TO BE SEEKING CONFRONTATION. IT WILL, HOWEVER, BE VERY  
IMPORTANT TO BE ON THE SIDE OF A STRENGTHENED DIALOGUE.  
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